

about Astrolabe's Brother. At Ten in the Morning he thank't the clean Widdow for all her Civilitys, & march't under the Pilotage of M^r Baker, to Col^o Thomas Goddings.²⁵ By the way Steddy was oblig'd to be at the Expence of a few Curses upon John Rice, who was so very thirsty that he call'd at every house he past by. The Cavalcade arrived at Col^o. Goddings about 4 a Clock after a pleasant Journey of 30 Miles. But Steddy found himself exceedingly fatigued with the March. In passing thro' the upper part of the Isle of Wight, M^r Baker remarkt the Dismal Footsteps made by the Hurricane which happen'd in August 1626. The violence of it did not extend in Breadth above a Quarter of a Mile, but in that Compass levell'd all before it. M^r Baker's House was so unlucky as to stand in its way, which it laid flat to the Ground and blew some of his Goods above 2 Miles. Col^o Godding was very hospitable both to Man & Beast, But the poor Man had the Misfortune to be deaf, which hinder'd him from hearing any parts of the acknowledgments that were made to him; He prest every Body very kindly to eat, entreating 'em not to be bashful, which might be a great Inconvenience to Travellers. The Son & Heir of the Family offer'd himself as a Volunteer the over Night, but dreamt so much of Danger & Difficulties, that he declar'd off in the Morning.

March

1. About About 9 in the Morning the Col^o was so kind as to set all his Guests over the South Branch of Nansimond River, which shorten'd their Journey 7 or 8 Miles, & from thence his Son conducted them into the great Road. Then they past for several Miles together by the North Side of the Great Dismal, and after a Journey of 25 Miles, arriv'd in good Order at Maj^r Crawford's²⁶ over against Norfolk Town. Just before they got hither, the Lag Commissioners over took them, and all the Men were drawn up

²⁵ The Baker family was prominent in Isle of Wight County, Lawrence Baker, being a vestryman of New Port Parish from 1724 to 1737 and James Baker, Clerk of the County Court, 1732-1734. Colonel Thomas Godding was Colonel Thomas Godwin of Nansemond County.

²⁶ Major William Crawford, a member of the County Court of Norfolk in 1728. See *Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Antiquary*, Vol. I, p. 80.